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In re Patent Application of:  
Howard E. Rhodes

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For: CMOS IMAGER HAVING A NITRIDE  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows.

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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An imaging device comprising:

a substrate;

a photosensitive area within said substrate for accumulating photo-generated charge in said area;

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